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UNDER 35 U.S.C. §255 AND 37 C.F.R. §1.323

Sir:

A Certificate of Correction is respectfully requested under 35 U.S.C. §255 and 37 C.F.R. §1.323 in order to correct the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. §1.20. The mistake of failing to make reference to prior copending application Serial No. 09/369,366 occurred in good faith and without deceptive intent. This correction does not constitute new matter or require reexamination.

Applicant has previously submitted the fee of \$ 100.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.20(a). Please charge any deficiency as well as any other fee(s) which may become due, or credit any overpayment of such fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 50-2140. In the event any extensions of time

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for responding are required for the pending application(s), please treat this paper as a petition to extend the time as required and charge Deposit Account No. 50-2140 therefor.

Respectfully submitted,



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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Please amend the priority claim of this application to read as follows:

— This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/182,040, filed February 11, 2000 which is incorporated in its entirety herein by reference, and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/369,366, now U.S. Patent No. 6,302,325 which was filed on August 6, 1999. --

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